

SANDERS HOUSE

520-522 SOUTH CHAPEL ST.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE CITY CO.

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

JOHN H. SCARFE, DISTRICT OFFICER

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520-522 SOUTH CHAPEL STREET

Fell's Point
Baltimore, Maryland

Owner: Mr. Geo. A. Sanders
1710 Fleet Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Date of Erection: Unknown, \approx 1800?

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Two and a half

Materials of Construction: Brick and Wood.

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HISTORICAL DATA:

Fell's Point is a district of Baltimore originally laid out on a property known as "Fell's Prospect" and belonging to the Fell family. It was first settled as a small and separate town in the eighteenth century across Jones Falls to the east of the town of Baltimore, which was laid out and incorporated in 1739. It was inhabited by well-to-do merchant families. Many of them were interested in shipping and utilized the deep water of the Patapsco River for moorings and the warehouses along the river front to unload their merchandise.

What is now South Chapel Street was first known as Star Alley, and in the early days of the settlement was probably a lane leading into the open country. These two houses were in that lane. They have withstood the vicissitudes of time and certainly were never more than the dwellings of the humblest people. Small as they are today, formerly they were still smaller, as the roof bears evidence of having been raised in the rear to allow for greater comfort and head room, in the two back rooms. Today they are picturesque and squalid-the oldest in the community and the only survivors of that long past day when Baltimore Town was several miles away across Jones Falls. It might well be that these two houses are the oldest surviving houses within the limit of the City of Baltimore.

John H. Staff

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